

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 114

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study issues relative to permitting casino gambling in Tennessee and uses of resulting state revenue.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a special joint committee of the General Assembly be appointed to study the following issues relative to permitting casino gambling in the state of Tennessee:

- (1) Constitutional considerations or limitations regarding games of chance;
- (2) Feasibility and logistics, including the feasibility of issuing casino licenses;
- (3) Operation and administration of casino control laws that are in effect in states where casino gambling is authorized;
- (4) Economic impact of casino gambling on the state of Tennessee, including revenue to the state from potential fees or taxes;
- (5) Potential uses of state revenue derived from fees or taxes on casino gambling, including, but not limited to, funding education and transportation needs and state or local programs addressing neighborhood cleanup efforts and gambling addiction; and
- (6) Social impact of casino gambling on the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall consist of three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon the request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly no later than January 1, 2018, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.